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February **2006**

2006 prom servers announced

Prom Servers for the 2006 Southland Prom are Chelsea Miller, Adam Voigt, Ashlee Waller and Jake Chapek

Prom servers have been announced for the 2006 prom. They are Chelsea Miller, Ashlee Waller, Jake Chapek and Adam Voigt.

Prom will be held at the American Legion in Adams on Saturday, April 29, 2006.

There will be another fundraiser early this spring. Anyone with a unique fundraising idea should contact Mrs. Brumm at 507-582-3568 or jbrumm@isd500.k12.mn.us

Dan Klingfus named KAAL Male Prep of the Week

Dan Klingfus, KAAL Male Prep of the Week

On January 11, 2006, Dan Klingfus was named KAAL's Male Prep of the Week.

Dan has been wrestling varsity fulltime since 9th grade. On December 17th, he won his 100th match. This is quite an accomplishment since it took him only a little over 3 years.

Dan has been to the state tournament once and is looking forward to making a return trip this year.

He is a captain of the wrestling squad and one of the leaders in pins in Southland history.

November middle school students of the month

Brenna Nordeng-6th Grade, Jessica Freund-8th Grade, Thomas VanBuskirk-7th Grade

November high school students of the month

Brian Coffman-10th Grade, Heather Wilson-12th Grade, Nate Oxley-11th Grade, Mitch Hegge-9th Grade

Come support your Southland Seniors at a spaghetti feed

There will be a senior spaghetti feed on February 23rd from 5-7 PM in the high school/middle school cafeteria in Adams.

A free-will donation is requested. Proceeds will go towards color senior pictures in this year's yearbook.

All food is donated by the Windmill Travel Center. A special thank you to everyone helping to make this possible.

Southland students attend the Dorian Festival

Marie Boe and Hilary Fasbender attended the Dorian Vocal Festival at Luther College

On January 8th & 9th Marie Boe and Hilary Fasbender were among fourteen hundred students from the surrounding five state area who participated in the Dorian Vocal Festival held on the Luther College Campus in Decorah, Iowa. Luther Choir Director Dr. Craig Arnold conducted the choir.

Both Marie and Hilary are seniors at Southland High School.

One Act Play performs "High School for Dummies"

The cast and crew of the one act play, "High School for Dummies"

Southland's (MSHSL) One Act Play performed in sub section 2 competition at Stewartville High School on January 21, 2006. ***"High School for Dummies"*** was also performed at a community performance for Family and Friends in Adams Auditorium on January 18.

Cast members and their respective roles include:

One: Chelsea Bamrick
Two/Samantha/Rhonda: Trenna Thome
Three/Richard: Pete Thome
Four/Jacqui: Anastasiya Taranenko
Five/Owen/Anthony/Mr. Harris: Mark White
Six/Anne: Melissa Schneider
Seven/Jeffery: Cory Barthel
Eight/Mrs. Green: Jenna Wolterman
Steph/Krista: Lacey Flesner
Lisa: Lacey Holst
Bus Driver/Mr. Johnson: Brock Nelson
Becky: Emily Schmidt
Elle: Brooke Hamilton
David: Eric Vogel
Jason/Mark: Mike Sheeley
Nathan/Paul: Lance Sorenson
Julia: Nancy White
Stage Crew: Brandon Kinney
Director: Tim J Brennan

Rebel seat cushions for sale by Southland Economics Class

The Southland Economics class is selling seat cushions. They are blue and white with the Rebel mascot. The Economics class will be selling them for $8 each or two for $15. The class will be setting up stands at various girls and boys basketball games and wrestling meets. You can also place your order through one of the students personally.

FACS students prepare meal for guests

Guests were pleased when the seventh grade FACS class invited a favorite staff and administrator to a formal meal.

The seventh grade FACS students served their guests eye appealing, nutritious meals. Four of the student labs served breakfast and one served lunch.

The tables were decorated with a Shamrock, Rebel, USA, and two red and white themes. Home made place cards informed the guests where to sit. Tablecloths, cloth napkins, candle holders and color coordinated centerpieces added to the responsibilities of each student.

Total cost of the meal, peer cooperation, time management, place settings and table manners were the emphasis of the curriculum. Each group created a booklet and named their group's restaurant.

FACS students, Brandi Schammel and Holly Goergen enjoy the meal they prepared in FACS class

Our young scientists

Tyler Mussell, Estrella Infante-Garcia, Brandon Bergene, and Marcus Thompson working on their experiment

Mrs. Klingerman's and Ms. Stratton's third grade students recently worked with "mysterious" white powders in science class. This unit was about the properties of some common white powders.

Students learned how to use a variety of indicators to identify the powders and to detect their presence in mixtures. When finished, students received a mixture of some or all of these powders and had to use their data to identify the different powder/s.

All of the students were excited in becoming "scientists." When Mrs. Klingerman's class was asked what their favorite subject was, they all answered, "SCIENCE!"

Max Tapp ready to record data

Minutes of the Middle and High School PTO Meeting

The Middle and High School PTO meeting was held on December 7, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. in the Media Center conference Room. Shauna Schlichter, Julie Hendrikson, Dawn Mueller, Theresa Hanson, Laura VanBuskirk, Linda Sheely, Jenni Brumm, Carrie Sorgatz, Renae and Randy Peterson were present.

Motion was made by Jenni Brumm and second by Laura VanBuskirk to approve the November 2, 2005 minutes. Motion passed

Motion was made by Jenni Brumm and second by Carrie Sorgatz to approve the Treasure's report. Motion passed. The balance as of December 1 is $2249.83.

Root Beer Floats will be served to each grade that raised the $150.00 for their adopted family from the Salvation Army. Julie will talk to Hy Vee and Cash Wise to see if they will donate any of the root beer or ice cream. Motion was made to fund the root beer floats if need be by Laura VanBuskik and second by Jenni Brumm. Motion passed.

Laura will put in the daily announcements that we are collecting recipes.

Senior ads were discussed. We might be needed to call some parents about the senior ads.

Teachers Wish List was gone over. Motion was made by Linda Sheely and second by Dawn Mueller to purchase 2 scanners for Janet Stephenson and to purchase the Tom Sawyer Book for Laura VanBuskirk. Motion passed.

Renae Peterson would like to start up a 6th grade art club that would meet two times a month after school for up to twenty kids. This will take place at the elementary school. Renae will run the program from now till April or May. She will have different art projects every month. Renae asked the PTO for help with funding the projects. The projects will cost approximately $50.00 per month. Motion was made by Linda Sheely and second by Dawn Mueller to fund the 6th grade art club. Motion passed.

Jenni read a thank you note that Mrs. Miller sent to her.
We now have a new pop sheet to keep track of order. This will help with ordering of the pop and with the pop being picked up. The trays can be turned into the school. Motion was made by Laura VanBuskirk and second by Julie Hendrikson to try the pop orders every month. Motion passed. The homeroom teachers will hand out the order forms. The orders are due January 10th and will be ready for pick up on January 19th.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Laura VanBuskirk and second by Carrie Sorgatz.

Dawn Mueller, Secretary

FCCLA participates in various activities

On January 7th the FCCLA went sledding on Skinners Hill in Austin and then went to Mrs. Knoebel's home for hot chocolate.

After the members warmed up they dipped and decorated pretzels. The members then plated the pretzel and cookies made at school on Friday and delivered them to a variety of shut-ins in Mower County.

One student worked on her Starr Project.

Seven members are planning to attend the February 11 competition in New Ulm.

Eighteen FCCLA members traveled to Chanhassen on Wednesday to see "West Side Story" with the Show Choir students. Everyone had an opportunity to dress, donned in his or her best, and enjoy some wonderful entertainment.

Thanks to Mrs. Orvik, parent chaperones, moneymaking projects and Mrs. Knoebel for making the trip possible.

The FCCLA met on Wednesday, January 18th during homeroom and there was a work session during sixth hour on January 17 and 18th.

Any STARR participants should contact Mrs. Knoebel for help.

Please contact Mrs. Knoebel with any concerns or questions.

The Rebel Talk

The Rebel Talk is a monthly publication of the Southland School District. All comments or suggestions should be directed to Janet Stephenson, Editor, at **jstephenson@isd500.k12.mn.us or 507-582-3568**

Rebel Talk now available online

You can now view the Rebel Talk online by logging onto the Southland School District Website at www.isd500.k12.mn.us and clicking on the link, **"Current Edition of the Rebel Talk Online".**

From the Nurse……

Cold and flu season is here, and we want to remind you of effective measures that can be taken to prevent transmission of bacteria/viruses both here at school and at home.

We urge you to practice regular handwashing and encourage your family members to do the same. Especially at this time of year, do you remember to clean and disinfect surfaces where germs lurk on a regular basis?

The following sufaces are easy to overlook but have been proven to be a source of germ transmission:

>Computer keyboards
>Telephone receivers
>Sink faucet handles
>Public water fountains
>Doorknobs (both at home and in public places)
>Grocery cart handles (have you noticed many stores now pro viding disinfecting wipes to clean them before use?)
>Appliance handles

Disposable disinfecting wipes are inexpensive and easy to use on contaminated surfaces (NOT FOR USE ON SKIN!!).

Waterless hand sanitizer does a good job of eliminating bacteria/viruses from hands when soap and water aren't readily available.

When possible, warm water and soap are the best way to thoroughly clean hands, including fingernails, wrists, and between fingers.

In public, use paper towels as a barrier when operating doorknobs, paper towel dispensers, and sink faucet handles. And, as always, cover your mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing, use paper facial tissue, and dispose of the used tissue promptly.

Wishing you and your family a safe and healthy 2006!

Submitted by
Cheryl Renwick,
Southland Nurse

Southland Elementary Father-Daughter Dance to be held on March 4, 2006

Southland Elementary Student Council
Invites You To a
Father - Daughter Dance
Saturday, March 4, 2006
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Southland Elementary School
Gymnasium
Professional photographer on site for photo purchases
Dress semi-formal
Prizes awarded
Appetizers and refreshments served
Ticket price $5.00 per person
Purchase your tickets by 2/10/06

This invitation is being sent to all the elementary girls at Southland Elementary School to invite them to our first Father-Daughter Dance.

We are excited to sponsor the event and hope to see all of the girls and their fathers at the dance. We have chosen a Snow theme.

We have a committee that is in charge of organizing the dance. The members are Brady Reuter, Ashlyn Reuter, Sam Klaehn, Hunter Schultz, Corey Hemingway. They are being helped by Mrs. Lewis and Mr. Pittelko.

News from the Southland Elementary Student Council...

Southland Elementary Food Drive

The Southland Elementary Student Council set up a food drive for the Adams Food Shelf. They raised 432 pounds of food and $11.85 in two weeks! We beat last year's record but not the all-time record.

Previous amounts collected.

2000	124 pounds
2001	149 pounds
2002	315 pounds
2003	463 pounds (all-time record)
2004	408 pounds
2005	432 pounds (this school year)

We usually donate the money to the Salvation Army but this year we donated it to the Adams Food Shelf because it's in our district and the Salvation Army is in Austin's district. We all had fun with the food drive and hope everything helps.

Hurricane

The Southland Elementary Student Council created a Movie Night for the hurricane victims in New Orleans. They had students and their parents from Southland come and watch a movie. They showed the movie, ***Disney's Balloon Farm*** and had a lot of people come to watch.

The student council successfully made $365.25. Mrs. Lewis sent the money to a school in New Orleans.

If you have any more questions call Mrs. Lewis. We all had fun planning and having this and hope when there's another fundraiser you will come!

Community Education

What is Community Education?

Who decides what courses will be offered?

You do. From phone calls, evaluation forms, and surveys, you tell us what courses you want, and we listen. Then we do the work to find the appropriate personnel to bring you the information you want.

We are always looking for individuals who would like to share their hobbies, talents, and skills by teaching a Community Education Class. Most instructors are not professional teachers. They are community people like you, who enjoy being with people and sharing their talents. Instructors are paid.

Why are classes often in the schools?

The Community Ed program is the part of the school district designed to link the schools and community. Because the school buildings belong to you - the public- we like to give you every opportunity to get into the classrooms and do some learning yourself. With that in mind, we invite you to attend any of the Community Ed Classes that interest you. Sit back and read the schedule and call today for a class that interests you.

Who takes Community Ed Classes?

People just like you. People who are in search of life enrichment and want to meet interesting people. People who are striving for personal and professional growth take Community Ed Classes. The classes are designed with the idea that learning is life-long and doesn't necessarily happen within four walls of a school. They are also a fun and a great way to meet new people.

Community Education Advisory Committee

Dawn Gilles	Rose Creek	437-6451
Don Larson	Adams	82-3610
Georgia Jech	Elkton	584-6753
Julie Hendrikson	Rose Creek	433-3604
Barb Kloeckner	Adams	582-7818
Linda Howton	Rose Creek	437-3066
Lea Ann Gilbert	Dexter	584-6463
Early Childhood/Family Education		
Nancy Dvergsten	Adams	582-1328
School Board Representative		
Carol Matheis	Adams	582-3380
Community Education Coordinator		
Jan Weness	Adams	582-3197

Valentine Candy Making

Looking for a special Valentine treat for your family? Learn to make several kinds of homemade candies and take home a box of your favorites just in time for Valentine's Day. A recipe book is also included.

When: Saturday, Feb. 11
Time: 9-11:30 a.m.
Where: Little Cedar Church Kitchen, Adams
Enter by kitchen door on north side
Cost: $15.00
Instructor: Carleen Wolterman

Register with full payment by Tuesday, February 7 (Make checks payable to Carleen Wolterman)

Exploring the Internet

This is an opportunity for those who know nothing or very little about exploring the Internet to learn the basics. Class content will be determined by students' questions and interests. Possible areas covered will be: searching the Internet - narrowing your searches to get specific information, how to order merchandise off the Internet, how to use Mapquest, or digital media (including cameras) and scanning.

When: Thursday, March 9
Time: 6-8 p.m.
Where: SHS Computer Room
Cost: $5.00
Instructor: Janet Stephenson

Register with full payment by Tuesday, March 7

Beginner Bridge

Learn to bid and play contract bridge. You will learn step by step how to bid your hand properly to arrive at the best contract with your partner, how to play your hand and how to score. If you like to play cards, this is the game for you. It is challenging and always interesting.

When: Monday, February 6, and Wednesday, February 8. The other 4-6 dates will be determined by the class members
Time: 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Where: HS Media Center
Cost: $10.00
Instructor: Joanne Croker

Register with full payment by Monday, February 6

Amazing Folding Photo Album

The Amazing Folding Photo Album is created using basic scrap booking techniques. Each person will create 2 cool folding photo albums in 2 different sizes. When closed, the albums appear to be a simple photo album, but open them and they explode into an amazing piece of creativity. This simple project creates memory albums for yourself or a great gift for birthdays, showers, thank you gifts, etc. Fun for all ages!

When: Tuesday, February 21
Where: Family and Consumer Science Room HS
Time: 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Fee: $10 - includes supplies
Instructor: Kim Waletzke

Register with full payment by Thursday, February 16

Hall Walking

The high school is open Monday through Friday mornings on school days for those who would like to get exercise during the winter months.

Enter: East doors of high school
Time: 6:00 a.m.-7:30 a.m.

No need to register or pay a fee, just come and walk!

Quilting

Avid quilters and new learners are welcome to come for an informal evening of quilting and learning. Bring a project to work on and any questions you may have. Bring your own sewing machine or use one there. Iron and ironing board are provided.

When: Second Tuesday of each month
Time: 5:30-8:30-come and go
Where: Family and Consumer Science Room HS

Mind, Pen & Paper

Learning to write creatively is not a linear process. It takes practice. Sometimes poetry, sometimes essay writing ideas will be explored in ten minute writes. Sharing writing will be encouraged, but not required. All that's required is an open mind, a pen and paper. Tim J. Brennan (part time poet, playwright, and full time Southland English teacher) will share his ideas on what it is to be a writer.

Meeting each Monday in March from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the Southland Media Center. Need not attend all sessions.

There is no fee, but please register your interest by Thursday, March 2

Senior Citizen Cards

Play 500 the second Monday of each month at 1:30 p.m. at the Fire Hall in Adams. New players always welcome!

Church Basement Ladies

Due to the fantastic response of our trip last fall, we are again traveling to Plymouth Playhouse for the show. We have 40 tickets reserved for the Southland, Grand Meadow, and LeRoy Community Ed., so make sure to register early. We will do a waiting list in case of cancellations.

Inspired by the books of Janet Letnes Martin and Suzann Neison, comes this wonderful, hilarious musical comedy. The performance features four distinct characters and their relationships as they organize the food and solve the problems of a rural Minnesota church about to undergo changes in 1965. They stave off disasters, share and debate recipes, instruct the young, and keep the Pastor on due course while thoroughly enjoying (and tolerating) each other.

Join us as we travel to the Plymouth Playhouse for an afternoon of fun! (We will stop for supper on the way home if the majority wishes.)

When: Sunday, May 7
Time Bus leaves Pine Cone/Windmill Restaurant at 11:00 a.m. (Showtime at 2:00 p.m.)
Where: Plymouth Playhouse, Mpls.
Cost: $28 - includes bus and ticket

Registration with payment due by Wednesday, April 26

Community Education Registration Form

(Use separate form for each course)

Name_____ Address_____

Home Telephone _____ Work Telephone _____

Course Title_____ Section or 1st Meeting _____

Make check payable to: Southland District 500
If you have questions, call Carol or Barb @ 582-3568
Mail to: Jan Weness, Community Education, Southland High School, PO Box 351, Adams, MN 55909

Coffee Mill Family Ski Trip

Enjoy a day of skiing or snow boarding at Coffee Mill in Wabasha. This is the best rate we can get. Come join us for a day of fun on the holiday!

When: Monday, February 20
Depart: Adams HS parking lot 12:00 p.m., Pine Cone Restaurant parking area 12:15
Arrive Home: Ski 'til 7:00 p.m. - home about 8:30 p.m.

Ski Package**		**Snowboard Package***	
Lift ticket	$19.00	Lift ticket	$19.00
Ski rental	$12.00	Board rental	$21.00
Transportation	6.00	Transportation	6.00
Total Cost	**$37.00**	**Total Cost**	**$46.00**

***first time snowboarders must take a lesson-cost $9 extra**
****free half-hour beginner ski lesson**

Snack bar available or small personal coolers allowed.
Students in 6th grade or lower must have a chaperone. If you cannotind one, please make arrangements with Jan at 582-3197 before registering.
Register with full payment by Thursday, Feb. 16. No refunds after that date. Minimum 21 persons.

Please call the High School office at 582-3568 if you are interested in participating in any of these possible class offerings. Please give the day of the week that works best for you.

Red Cross Adult, Child and Infant CPR and First Aid
Art appreciation- includes a trip to Minneapolis Institute of Art
Music appreciation - learn about the different types of music
Identifying and feeding wild birds in our area

INCLEMENT WEATHER: When school is closed during the day, ALL scheduled evening classes are cancelled.

Coffee Mill Family Ski Trip Permission Form

_____has permission to go on the Southland Community Ed. Ski trip to Coffee Mill on Monday, February 20, 2006. I will be responsible for any lost or stolen equipment.

_____ _____ _____
Parent/Guardian Signature Date Phone Number

Emergency Contact & Phone Number *Chaperone

Age_____ Boot Size_____ Height_____ Weight_____

Ability: Beginner_____ Intermediate_____ Advanced_____

Please circle one: ski package snowboard package

my own skis my own snowboard

Please write your insurance co. name and personal number on back of fthis form and return with your registration. Use one registration form per person. Make copies if necessary or copies are available at HS /Middle School office.

Community Education Calendar
February 2006

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6 Registration Deadline - Bridge Beginner Bridge 6:30-8:30	7 Valentine Candy Registration Deadline	8 Beginner Bridge 6:30-8:30	9	10	11 Valentine Candy Making 9-11:30
12	13 Senior Citizen 500 1:30 Fire Hall	14 Quilting 5:30-8:30 Come & Go	15	16 Ski Trip Registration Deadline Photo Album Registration Deadline	17	18
19	20 Coffee Mill Ski Trip	21 Amazing Folding Photo Album 6:30-8:30	22	23	24	25
26	27	28				

Elementary Breakfast Menu
February 2006

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturda
			1 egg-n-biscuit sandwich fruit milk	2 cereal or oatmeal toast juice milk	3 French toast Sausage Fruit milk	
5	6 cereal muffin fruit milk	7 Breakfast bagel Yogurt Fruit milk	8 cereal toast juice milk	9 Breakfast bar Sausage Fruit milk	10 cereal toast fruit milk	
12	13 breakfast bites egg fruit milk	14 omelet sausage toast fruit milk	15 cereal donut fruit milk	16 muffin yogurt fruit milk	17 scrambled eggs sausage toast juice milk	
19	20 no school President's Day	21 Breakfast pizza Fruit milk	22 cereal bagel/cream cheese juice milk	23 pancakes egg sausage juice milk	24 cereal toast fruit milk	
26	27 omelet sausage toast juice milk	28 French toast sticks Sausage Fruit milk				

Elementary Lunch Menu
February 2006

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 fish wedge hash brown peas pears cake	2 pizza bagel green beans orange / pineapple apple crisp	3 hamburger gravy mashed potatoes cooked carrots tropical fruit pudding	4
5	6 Santa Fe mac-n-cheez Lettuce salad Applesauce cake	7 rib sandwich corn pineapple cottage cheese bar	8 egg-n-biscuit sandwich green beans peaches & pears orange juice cake	9 chicken noodle soup grilled cheese carrots / dip mixed fruit cookie	10 corn dog au gratin potatoes orange slices parfait	11
12	13 BBQ chicken legs Cheddar mashed potatoes Pears Sandwich pudding	14 Italian dunkers Corn or broccoli Peaches jello	15 hamburger / bun tater tots apple slices brownie	16 chicken nuggets green beans banana jelly sandwich cookie	17 soft shell taco lettuce salad mixed fruit cake	18
19	20 **no school** **President's Day**	21 cheeseburger- mac-hotdish corn applesauce parfait	22 meatloaf mashed potatoes kiwi or strawberries sandwich bar	23 turkey sub corn chips lettuce salad pears cookie	24 pizza green beans peaches & pears cake	25
26	27 oven chicken cole slaw applesauce sandwich cake	28 Sloppy joe / bun French fries Fresh fruit Rocky road dessert				

All meals are served with ½ pint milk. Peanut butter sandwich is also available.

February

Middle/High school Breakfast Menu

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Breakfast Bites Syrup Juice Milk	**2** Breakfast pizza Juice Milk	**3** Egg patty Sausage Juice Milk	**4**
5	**6** scrambled egg sausage juice milk	**7** pancake sausage juice milk	**8** Breakfast bagel Juice Milk	**9** French toast Sausage Juice Milk	**10** breakfast bite syrup juice milk	**11**
12	**13** Breakfast pizza Juice Milk	**14** Egg patties Sausage Juice Milk	**15** Scrambled egg Sausage Juice Milk	**16** Pancake Sausage Juice Milk	**17** Breakfast bagel Juice Milk	**18**
19	**20** NO SCHOOL	**21** French toast Sausage Juice Milk	**22** breakfast bite syrup juice milk	**23** Breakfast pizza Juice Milk	**24** Egg patty Sausage Juice Milk	**25**
26	**27** scrambled egg sausage juice milk	**28** Pancake Sausage Juice Milk				

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February

Middle/High School Lunch Menu

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	**2**	**3** Hamburger Gravy Mashed potatoes Corn Applesauce	**4**
5	**6** **Chili** Cornbread Sandwich Peaches	**7** Mac & Cheese Green beans Sandwich Pears	**8** Oven Baked Chicken Mashed potatoes Corn White cake	**9** Chicken Noodle Soup/crackers Sandwich Applesauce	**10** Corn dogs Potato wedges Peas Peaches	**11**
12	**13** Pizza Hot dish Green bean Garlic Bread Pineapple	**14** Scalloped Potatoes & Ham Peas Apple Crisp	**15** Hamburger/bun French fries Corn Mixed fruit	**16** Chicken strips Wedges Green beans Apple salad	**17** Toastie dog Potato rounds Peas Pears	**18**
19	**20** NO SCHOOL	**21** Walking Taco Lettuce Garlic toast Pineapple	**22** Chicken Patty French Fries Green beans Peaches	**23** Turkey/ham Subs Corn chips Lettuce Applesauce	**24** Pizza Corn Sandwich Pears	**25**
26	**27** Chicken alfredo Green beans Sandwich Peaches	**28** Sloppy Joes Wedges Corn Pears	**29**	**30**	**31**	

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Early Childhood & Family Education

312 West Main Street, Adams MN 55909
507-582-3405

Early Childhood Family Education is a program that celebrates the importance of families in the development of children from birth to kindergarten enrollment. Classes provide opportunities for parents and children to grow and learn together in a supportive atmosphere.

We recognize that parents are children's first and most important teachers. Classes are designed to provide parent and child interaction time, guided play and learning experiences for children and a parent discussion time. Children make new friends and parents have a special opportunity to share and learn from each other. Classes are offered day and evening.

A Typical ECFE Parent & Child Class

First... Parent and child spend a special time together exploring a room filled with learning activities appropriate to the age of the child. These activities are designed to enhance the child's overall growth and will give parents ideas for activities to do at home.

Then... Parents will have time with other parents and a parent facilitator to discuss those issues relevant to the age of their child such as temperament, guidance, discipline, self-esteem, and school readiness.

And... Children will remain in the classroom with the early childhood teacher and have an opportunity to interact with the other children, participate in games, musical activities, a circle time, large muscle play and stories.

Still Time to Join An ECFE Class

Monday evening 6:15 - 7:45 p.m.
Ages 1 – 3 yrs.
Feb. 6, 13, 27,
Wednesday Evening 6:15 – 7:45 p.m.
Ages 3 – 5 yrs
Feb. 1, 8, 15, Mar. 1,

Friday morning 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.
Mixed ages birth – 5 yrs.
Feb. 3, 10, 17 Mar. 3,
FEES FOR CLASSES
$40.00 – 8 classes one child $20.00 for each additional child
Lap babies no fee Fees will be prorated for remainder of classes

Immunization Records

Minnesota law requires that all children attending Early Childhood Family Education programs have their immunization records or a notarized statement for exemption from immunization on file. We will keep a file copy and you may update it as necessary. **PLEASE BRING TO THE FIRST CLASS YOU ATTEND.**

CALL TO REGISTER 582-3405 or email us at
eccenter@isd500.k12.mn.us

Southland School Readiness Preschool

School readiness is a preschool program for all children ages 4-5 years by Sept. 1, 2005.

The Southland District provides a 2 hour 45 min. preschool experience twice a week for 30 weeks. Classes are held in the Early Childhood Center in downtown Adams.

The children's program focus is on helping to develop independence, sharing, and sociability and cognitive readiness skills in preparing for kindergarten.

There are still openings. For information on available classes and fee schedule call 582-3405.

Equipment & Toy Lending Library for Grandparents

We have a variety of toys and equipment needed when those grandkids come to visit. We have a high chair, booster seats, portable cribs, excersaucers, plus toys and games. Stop in and check it out or give us a call. There is no fee for this service. We are located in the Early Childhood Center 312 W. Main, Adams 582-3405.

Play and Learn (3 – 4 year old) Preschool (Jan – Feb - Mar)

The Southland School Dist. offers a preschool opportunity for children 3 – 4 years old or 3 by Mar. 1st. This child only class meets once a week on either Tuesday or Thursday from 12:30 – 3:00 p.m. The class focuses on encouraging sociability, sharing and developing independence. **An additional component of the class is that families attend weekly ECFE parent/child classes. There are still openings on Thursdays.**

Tuesdays: Jan. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, Feb 7, 14, 28,
Or
Thursdays: Jan 5, 12, 19, 26, Feb 2, 9, 16, Mar. 2,

Fee: $90.00 per child, which includes 8 weeks of Play & Learn and 8 weeks of ECFE family classes (Pro rated for remaining classes)
Fees due the first day of class
REGISTER BY CALLING 582-3405
In selecting an ECFE Parent/child class you have flexibility in deciding which day and time works best for your family.
ECFE – Class day & time options
Monday 6:15 – 7:45 p.m. or
Wednesday 6:15 – 7:45 p.m. or
Friday 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

ECFE Winter Picnic - Open Play

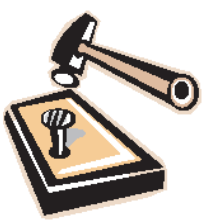
FRIDAY FEB. 24th
11:00 – 1:00

Pack a picnic basket lunch and come to the Early Childhood Center for a winter picnic and make some new friends. The Center will open at 11:00 a.m. for play. Activities will be available to help release winter energy. The gym, sandbox, water-play, play centers, toys, games, painting, there is much to do.

We'll spread out picnic blankets and eat lunch at noon. After lunch we'll have a story time. The Center will close at 1:00 p.m.
Daycares, grandparent or any special adult are welcome to bring preschoolers to the picnic. NO FEE

Dad 'n' Me Wood Working

Tuesday February 21st 6:30 p.m.
Early Childhood Center - Adams



For preschooler and dad or special adult. Dads & children will make a small footstool. Bring a hammer and drill (we will be using Phillips wood screws). It will be personalized with paint. Be sure to wear old clothes. Please register by Feb. 15th Call 582-3405 or email eccenter@isd500.K12.mn.us Cost: $5.00

Grandparents Visit ECFE Classes

The ECFE (Early Childhood Family Education) classes have a special invitation for all grandparents to come and be a part of their ECFE class the week of Feb. 13th – 17th. Monday evening, Wednesday evening or Friday morning. Special activities will be planned for you and your grandchild to spend time together during their class. We look forward to seeing you there!

Coming Events in March

Infant Massage
Spring Sessions of ECFE and Play & Learn

Happy Valentine's Day!

Southland Early Childhood Center
February 2006

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
ECFE=Early Childhood Family Ed	**SR**= School Readiness	**ECSE**= Early Childhood Special Ed	1 SR & ECSE 8:15 – 11:00 SR 12:15-3p.m. **ECFE 6:15pm**	2 SR & ECSE 8:15 – 11:00 **Play & Learn** 12:30 – 3:00	3 **ECFE** **10:00 –11:30**	4
5	6 SR & ECSE 8:15 – 11:00 SR 12:15-3p.m. **ECFE 6:15pm**	7 SR & ECSE 8:15 – 11:00 **Play & Learn** 12:30 – 3:00	8 SR & ECSE 8:15 – 11:00 SR 12:15-3p.m. **ECFE 6:15pm**	9 SR & ECSE 8:15 – 11:00 **Play & Learn** 12:30 – 3:00	10 **ECFE** **10:00 –11:30**	11
12	13 SR & ECSE 8:15 – 11:00 SR 12:15-3p.m. **ECFE 6:15pm**	14 SR & ECSE 8:15 – 11:00 **Play & Learn** 12:30 – 3:00	15 SR & ECSE 8:15 – 11:00 SR 12:15-3p.m. **ECFE 6:15pm**	16 SR & ECSE 8:15 – 11:00 **Play & Learn** 12:30 – 3:00	17 **ECFE** **10:00 –11:30**	18
19	20 **Presidents Day** **NO SCHOOL**	21 **DAD N ME** Woodworking 6:30 – 7:45 Pre register!	22 **School Readiness Conferences**	23 **School Readiness Conferences**	24 **Winter Picnic** **Open Play** **11:00 – 1:00** **No Fee**	25
26	27 SR & ECSE 8:15 – 11:00 **SR 12:15-3p.m.** **ECFE 6:15pm**	28 SR & ECSE 8:15 – 11:00 **Play & Learn** 12:30 – 3:00	**March 1** SR & ECSE 8:15 – 11:00 SR 12:15-3p.m. **ECFE 6:15pm**	**March 2** SR & ECSE 8:15 – 11:00 **Play & Learn** 12:30 – 3:00	**March 3** **ECFE** **10:00 –11:30**	

Just Playing

Written by Anita Wadley

When I'm building in the block room,
Please don't say I'm "Just Playing."
For you see, I'm learning as I play,
About balance and shapes.
Who knows, I may be an architect someday.

When I'm getting all dressed up,
Setting the table, caring for the babies,
Don't get the idea I'm "Just Playing."
For you see, I'm learning as I play.
I may be a mother or father someday.

When you see me up to my elbow in paint,
Or standing at an easel, or molding and shaping clay,
Please don't let me hear you say, "He is Just Playing."
For you see, I'm learning as I play.
I may be a teacher someday.

When you see me engrossed in a puzzle, or some "plaything" at my school,
Please don't feel the time is wasted in "Play."
For you see, I'm learning as I play.
I'm learning to solve problems and concentrate.
I may be in business someday.

When you see me cooking or tasting foods,
Please don't think that because I enjoy it, it is "Just Play."
I'm learning how to follow directions and see differences.
I may be a cook some day.

When you see me learning to skip, hop, run and move my body,
Please don't say I'm "Just Playing."
I'm learning how my body works.
I may be a doctor, nurse or athlete someday.

When you ask me what I've done at school today,
And I say, "I Just Played."
Please don't misunderstand me.
For you see, I'm learning as I play,
I'm learning to enjoy and be successful in my work.
I'm preparing for tomorrow.
Today, I am a child and work is play.

Frosty, the Snowman

Southland High School Students, Jake Schotanus, Danny Dion, Travis Schmitz, Kevin Vogt, Josh Applen and Joe Walerak, show off their snowman-making skills

From the Counselor.....Mrs. Schmit

Basic standard testing this month!

Any students in Grades 9-12 who have not passed these tests are required to take them. Passing scores are required by the state of Minnesota before diplomas can be issued.

Tuesday, February 7
Math Test
Wednesday, February 8
Math Make-up
Thursday, February 9
Reading Test
Friday, February 10
Reading Make-up

It is extremely important that students are in school on the day of the test. Students should come to school on test days:

☐Well rested

☐After having a good breakfast

☐With sharp pencils

☐With confidence and determination to do their best!

Freshmen

By now you have seen your 1st semester grades. Did you do as well as you had hoped? If not, that's ok. Now you know what is expected and you can do better this next semester.

If you happened to fail a required class, you need to register to retake it next year. Then make sure you're here and studying hard!

Sophomores

You've moved from the gym for P.E. to the classroom for Health this semester. You may find it harder to be physically active – especially during winter months it's sometimes too cold to get outside. Try to find an activity you enjoy to keep yourself healthy and fit until the weather warms up enough for you to get back outside.

And remember that Health is a required course and needs to be passed in order to graduate so do your best now so you don't have to make it up later!

Juniors

If you haven't taken the ACT yet, plan to do so in April. Registration packets are in the Counseling Office.

Please understand that you are responsible for completing the registration form and mailing it into ACT with a check of $29 (or $43 if you are planning to take the optional Writing Test).

Read the directions carefully and plan to spend approximately 45 minutes completing the registration.

Everything you need to know is in the instruction booklet included in the envelope. If you have questions, see Mrs. Schmit. She will be happy to help you.

The postmark deadline for the April 8th test is March 3. You can also register online at www.actstudent.org.

Seniors

If you haven't applied for college yet, NOW is the time!

Riverland Community College and Rochester Community Technical College will be having next year's freshman registering this spring for next fall's classes.

Most college applications can be found online but they are also located in the file drawers in the Career Corner of the Media Center.

Once the application has been completed, attach the application fee (if required) and leave it with Mrs. Schmit. She will attach your transcript to the application and mail it for you.

If you apply on line, print out the transcript request page and turn it into Mrs. Schmit.

Those Seniors who have been accepted and have committed to attend a specific college, please let Mrs. Schmit know.

Any seniors who are still uncertain should schedule an appointment with Mrs. Schmit ASAP to discuss their options!

February 6-10 is National School Counselor Week

Guidance and counseling is an integral part of each school's total educational program. It is a comprehensive program that includes sequential activities kindergarten through grade 12, organized and implemented by certified school counselors with active involvement and support of parents, students, teachers, and administrators.

The program is designed to address the needs of all students by helping them to acquire competencies in career planning and exploration, knowledge or self and others, and educational and vocational development.

What do School Counselors Do?

High school counselors work with students in acquiring guidance competencies that form the foundation for their next steps educationally and occupationally.

They assist students to develop realistic education and career plans based on a clear understanding of themselves, their needs, interests, skills, and the realities and possibilities of the worlds of education and work.

School counselors foster excellence by helping all students to achieve their potential. They promote excellence through their work in four program areas:

- Classroom presentations and large-group activities such as career days and college nights to help students learn coping skills, career planning and decision-making skills, and to plan for the future.
- Individual student planning for academic and career success through the development of short-term and long-range education and career plans
- Individual and small group counseling, consultation, and referral, related to helping students with personal goals and concerns, and with educational progress.
- Management activities to support the guidance program and other school programs.

How Can Parents Help?

Active parental involvement in the activities of the guidance and counseling program is essential if students are to make informed choices.

Parents can assist by encouraging their children to do their best in school and part-time jobs and by providing assurance that school subjects selected are tied to career choices.

Parents are invited to contact their children's school counselor with any concerns, ideas, and requests for assistance.

Source: American School Counselor Association, www.schoolcounselor.org

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Reminders

January Reminders:
30 Financial Aid Night, 7:00 pm, Media Center
31 BST/MCA Written Composition, Grade 10 & Grade 11-12 retakes

February Dates to Remember:
1 BST/MCA Written Composition Make-up
7 BST Math, Grade 9-12 retakes only
8 BST Math Make-up
9 BST Reading, Grade 9-12 retakes only
10 BST Reading Make-up
11 ACT Test

Coming up in March....
3 Registration deadline for the April 9 ACT Test

All Day, Every Day Kindergarten Update

Building a strong foundation in reading and mathematics during a child's primary school years is essential. One of Southland's major initiatives for the 2005-2006 school year is to explore the possible implementation of an all day, every day kindergarten program. A committee consisting of teachers, parents, administrators, and community members has been meeting over the past few months to investigate the benefits and feasibility of having such a program. The results of our committee investigation, along with our recommendation, will be shared with the school board at an upcoming meeting.

Our committee has been focusing on answering three essential questions:

1. How will students benefit from this change?
2. How will all day, every day kindergarten impact our current elementary structure?
3. What additional costs will be accrued by the district if this program is implemented?

At our first meeting, the Southland Kindergarten teachers and School Readiness teacher shared information about their programs and the standards that need to be taught to their students. Our committee generated a list of benefits and concerns that we see related to this program. We also spent time reviewing the information generated from our Kindergarten survey. The survey is posted on the district website www.isd500.k12.mn.us.

Our next meeting focused on why this type of program is good for students. We discussed several different research articles and created a list of nine benefits of having all day, every day kindergarten. We concluded that all day, every day kindergarten:

- Creates a more relaxing atmosphere; less stress for student and teacher.
- Allows more time for creative learning.
- Benefits students socially; increased self-esteem
- Creates a consistent routine.
- Identifies student problems/concerns earlier.
- Creates advantages for at-risk children and LEP students.
- Provides more time for a flexible, individualized learning environment.
- Allows more time to complete the academic standards, and explore topics in-depth.
- Allows some flexibility in the schedule; such as specialists.

We also started discussing where we would put another classroom, and how this would change our current elementary structure. We plan to continue this discussion at our January 25th meeting.

Please feel free to contact Randy Juhl at the elementary with any questions or comments. Also, we have enclosed the All Day, Everyday Kindergarten survey in case we missed anyone with a child aged 0 to 6. Feel free to complete the survey and send it to the elementary school.

Southland School District Kindergarten Survey

Parent's Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Child's/Children's Names and ages - Kindergarten and younger:

Name: _____ Age: _____

Name: _____ Age: _____

Name: _____ Age: _____

What benefits do you see for an all day, every day Kindergarten program?

What concerns do you have about all day, every day Kindergarten?

Please share any additional thoughts or feelings you have regarding all day, every day kindergarten.

February 2006 Schedule of Events

This schedule is current through January 17, 2006. For an up-to-date schedule, please log-on to the district website at www.isd500.k12.mn.us and click on the link "Event Calendar"

February 1, 2006
8:15a BST-Written Make-up @ Little Cedar Church
3:30p Art Club @ Rose Creek Elementary Library
6:30p 5th Grade Girls Basketball @ Rose Creek Elementary Gym

February 2, 2006
5:00p Basketball-B/8 (H) vs Caledonia Area Public Schools @ Southland
5:00p Basketball-G/9 (A) vs Caledonia Area Public Schools @ Caledonia
5:00p Basketball-G/8 (A) vs Caledonia Area Public Schools @ Caledonia
6:00p Basketball-B/7 (H) vs Caledonia Area Public Schools @ Southland
6:00p Basketball-G/7 (A) vs Caledonia Area Public Schools @ Caledonia
6:15p Basketball-B/B (H) vs Caledonia Area Public Schools @ Southland
6:15p Basketball-G/B (A) vs Caledonia Area Public Schools @ Caledonia
7:30p Basketball-B/V (H) vs Caledonia Area Public Schools @ Southland
7:30p Basketball-G/V (A) vs Caledonia Area Public Schools @ Caledonia
11:15p Rochester Practice Round @ Rochester

February 3, 2006
6:30p Wrestling-B (H) vs Lewiston-Altura/R-P @ Southland High School
7:30p Cheerleading Performance 1/2 time @ High School Gym
7:30p Wrestling-V (H) vs Lewiston-Altura/R-P @ Southland High School

February 4, 2006
8:30a 5th Grade Girls Basketball @ Rose Creek Elementary Gym
10:00a Wrestling-V (H) vs Saint Charles, New Richland-H-E-G H.S., Riceville, IA, La Crescent @ Southland High School
10:00a Wrestling-B (A) vs Blooming Prairie @ Blooming Prairie
10:30a 3rd & 4th Grade Girls community Ed. Basketball @ Rose Creek

February 6, 2006
4:30p Basketball-B/8 (H) vs LeRoy-Ostrander @ Southland
4:30p Basketball-G/8 (H) vs Grand Meadow @ Southland Elementary-
5:30p Basketball-B/7 (H) vs LeRoy-Ostrander @ Southland
5:30p Basketball-G/7 (H) vs Grand Meadow @ Southland Elementary
6:15p Basketball-B/B (A) vs LeRoy-Ostrander @ LeRoy-Ostrander
6:15p Basketball-G/B (A) vs Grand Meadow @ Grand Meadow
6:30p Adult Volleyball League @ High School Auditorium
7:00p 4-H @ Rose Creek Elementary
7:30p Basketball-B/V (A) vs LeRoy-Ostrander @ LeRoy-Ostrander
7:30p Basketball-G/V (A) vs Grand Meadow @ Grand Meadow

February 7, 2006
SADD Meeting
8:15a BST-Math @ Little Cedar Church
12:30p District Spelling Bee @ HS Media Center Conference Room
4:30p Basketball-B/8 (A) vs Lyle Pacelli @ Lyle
4:30p Basketball-G/8 (H) vs Blooming Prairie @ Southland Elementary
5:00p Basketball-G/9 (A) vs Blooming Prairie @ Blooming Prairie
5:00p Wrestling-V (A) vs Northwood-Kensett, IA @ Multiple locations
5:00p Wrestling-B (A) vs St. Ansgar, IA,N-K, IA @ Multiple locations
5:30p Basketball-B/7 (A) vs Lyle Pacelli @ Lyle
5:30p Basketball-G/7 (H) vs Blooming Prairie @ Southland Elementary
6:15p Basketball-B/B (H) vs Lyle Pacelli @ Southland High School
6:15p Basketball-G/B (A) vs Blooming Prairie @ Blooming Prairie
7:30p Basketball-B/V (H) vs Lyle Pacelli @ Southland High School
7:30p Basketball-G/V (A) vs Blooming Prairie @ Blooming Prairie

February 8, 2006
8:15a BST-Math Make-up @ Little Cedar Church
3:30p Art Club @ Rose Creek Elementary Library
6:30p 5th Grade Girls Basketball @ Rose Creek Elementary Gym

February 9, 2006
8:15a BST-Reading @ Little Cedar Church
12:30p District Spelling Bee-Snow Day @ HS Media Center
5:00p Wrestling-V (A) vs Medford,J-W-P @ Medford High School
5:00p Wrestling-B (A) vs Medford,J-W-P @ Medford High School

February 10, 2006
8:15a BST-Reading Make-up @ Little Cedar Church
4:30p Basketball-B/8 (A) vs Chatfield @ Chatfield Elem. School
4:30p Basketball-G/8 (H) vs Chatfield @ Southland Elementary
5:00p Basketball-G/9 (H) vs Chatfield @ Southland High School
5:30p Basketball-B/7 (A) vs Chatfield @ Chatfield Elem. School
5:30p Basketball-G/7 (H) vs Chatfield @ Southland Elementary
6:15p 3rd & 4th Grade Girls community Ed. Basketball @ High School
6:15p Basketball-B/B (A) vs Chatfield @ Chatfield High School
6:15p Basketball-G/B (H) vs Chatfield @ Southland High School
7:30p Basketball-B/V (A) vs Chatfield @ Chatfield High School
7:30p Basketball-G/V (H) vs Chatfield @ Southland High School

February 11, 2006
FFA Degrees and Proficiency Interviews @ St. Charles
FFA State Degrees and Proficiency Deadline
9:00a Wrestling-B (A) vs Goodhue,Caledonia,St. Charles,Dover-Eyota,Wabasha-Kellogg,Chatfield,Fillmore Central,Plainview/Elgin-Millville,Lewiston-Altura/Rushford-Peterson,GMLOK @ Fillmore Central
10:30a 3rd & 4th Grade Girls community Ed. Basketball @ Rose Creek

February 13, 2006
6:15p Basketball-B/B (A) vs Caledonia Area Public Schools @ Caledonia
7:30p Basketball-B/V (A) vs Caledonia Area Public Schools @ Caledonia
7:30p High School Recital @ High School Auditorium

February 14, 2006
4:30p Basketball-G/8 (H) vs Lyle Pacelli @ Southland Elementary
5:30p Basketball-G/7 (H) vs Lyle Pacelli @ Southland Elementary
6:15p Basketball-G/B (A) vs Lyle Pacelli @ Lyle
7:30p Basketball-G/V (A) vs Lyle Pacelli @ Lyle

February 15, 2006
3:30p Art Club @ Rose Creek Elementary Library
6:30p 5th Grade Girls Basketball @ Rose Creek Elementary Gym

February 16, 2006
11:00a FCCLA Meeting @ Room 10

February 17, 2006
4:30p Basketball-B/8 (H) vs Rushford-Peterson @ Southland Elementary
4:30p Basketball-G/8 (A) vs Rushford-Peterson @ Rushford-Peterson
5:00p Basketball-G/9 (A) vs Rushford-Peterson @ Rushford-Peterson
5:30p Basketball-B/7 (H) vs Rushford-Peterson @ Southland Elementary
5:30p Basketball-G/7 (A) vs Rushford-Peterson @ Rushford-Peterson
6:15p Basketball-B/B (H) vs Rushford-Peterson @ Southland High
6:15p Basketball-G/B (A) vs Rushford-Peterson @ Rushford-Peterson
6:30p Just for Kix-1/2 time A & B games @ High School Gym
7:30p Basketball-B/V (H) vs Rushford-Peterson @ Southland
7:30p Basketball-G/V (A) vs Rushford-Peterson @ Rushford-Peterson

February 18, 2006
8:30a 5th Grade Girls Basketball @ Rose Creek Elementary Gym
10:30a 3rd & 4th Grade Girls community Ed. Basketball @ Rose Creek

February 20, 2006
Presidents Day-No School

February 21, 2006
SADD Meeting
4:30p Basketball-B/8 (A) vs Fillmore Central @ Fillmore Central
5:30p Basketball-B/7 (A) vs Fillmore Central @ Fillmore Central
6:15p Basketball-B/B (A) vs Fillmore Central @ Fillmore Central
6:30p School Board Meeting @ Media Center Conference Room
7:30p Basketball-B/V (A) vs Fillmore Central @ Fillmore Central

February 22, 2006
3:30p Art Club @ Rose Creek Elementary Library
6:30p 5th Grade Girls Basketball @ Rose Creek Elementary Gym

February 23, 2006
8:15a FCCLA Contests @ Rochester
4:30p Basketball-B/8 (H) vs Kingsland @ Southland Elementary
5:00p Senior Class Spaghetti Supper @ All-Purpose Room
5:30p Basketball-B/7 (H) vs Kingsland @ Southland Elementary
6:15p Basketball-B/B (H) vs Kingsland @ Southland High School
7:30p Basketball-B/V (H) vs Kingsland @ Southland High School

February 27, 2006
6:30p Adult Volleyball League @ High School Auditorium

February 28, 2006
7:00p Basketball-B/V (A) vs Sub-Sections @ Lowest Seed

February is Black History Month

Begun In 1926 through the efforts of noted Black scholar and historian Carter G. Woodson, Black History Month was originally celebrated as a weeklong event. In 1976, the observance expanded to the entire month of February.